In the Claims

Claims 1-13, 21-25 are pending in the application.

Claims 1-8, 10-13 and 21-25 are rejected.

Explanation of Amendment

CLAIMS:

1. (cancelled)

2. (currently amended) The support device according to Claim ~~1~~ 21 wherein the support receiver is pivotally supported on the frame and wherein there is provided a stop member receivable through co-operating apertures in both the support receiver and the frame in both the floor mounted and wall mounted positions for selectively maintaining the support receiver in the respective positions.

3. (currently amended) The support device according to Claim ~~1~~ 21 wherein the support receiver is a tubular member having an internal dimension between 1 ¼ inches and 1 5/8 inches and having an external dimension between 1 ½ inches and 1 7/8 inches.

4. (currently amended) The support device according to Claim ~~1~~ 21 wherein the frame includes 3 ground engaging points oriented in a triangular pattern for supporting the frame thereon.

5. (currently amended) The support device according to Claim ~~1~~ 21 wherein the frame comprises a main support member and a cross support member supported at one end of the main support member in a T-shaped configuration, the support receiver being supported on the main support member.

6. (currently amended) The support device according to Claim 5 wherein the frame includes mounting apertures formed therein and arranged for supporting the support receiver adjacent the cross support member in a first mounting configuration and for supporting the support receiver opposite the cross support member in a second mounting configuration.

7. (original) The support device according to Claim 5 wherein the main support member and the cross support member are selectively coupled together with threaded fasteners to permit disassembly and reassembly thereof.

8. (previously amended) The support device according to Claim 5 wherein there is provided a pair of hangers for being supported on an upright supporting surface spaced apart from one another, the hangers being suitably shaped for supporting the cross support member at spaced positions thereon.

9. (cancelled)

10. (currently amended) The support device according to Claim ~~1~~ 21

wherein the support receiver includes a through aperture suitably sized for mounting a hitch ball thereon.

11. (currently amended) The support device according to Claim ~~1~~ 21 wherein the support receiver is pivotally secured to the frame with threaded fasteners received in cooperating apertures formed in the support receiver, whereby the support receiver ~~may~~ is arranged to be directly mounted onto a supporting surface by threaded fasteners.

12. (currently amended) The support device according to Claim ~~1~~ 21 wherein there is provided clamping means arranged for providing a clamping force between the hitch accessory and the support receiver in a direction transverse to relative sliding movement therebetween.

13. (currently amended) The support device according to Claim ~~1~~ 21 wherein the frame includes a locking aperture arranged for receiving a locking member.

14. (cancelled)

15. (cancelled)

16. (cancelled)

17. (cancelled)

18. (cancelled)

19. (cancelled)

20. (cancelled)

21. (currently amended) A support device for supporting a hitch accessory of the type which is receivable in a vehicle hitch receiver; the support device comprising:

a support receiver comprising an elongate member having a cross section of suitable shape and dimension for mating with the hitch accessory in a telescoping configuration for relative sliding movement in a longitudinal direction of the support receiver; and

a frame lying generally in a common plane and supporting the support receiver thereon in both a floor mounted position in which the longitudinal direction of the support receiver is generally parallel to the common plane of the frame and a wall mounted position in which the longitudinal direction of the support receiver is generally perpendicular to the common plane of the frame;

the frame fixedly maintaining the support receiver in both the floor mounted and wall mounted positions relative to the frame;

the frame extending in a longitudinal direction between ends; and

the support receiver being supported at one end of the frame to project ~~inwardly~~ towards an open free end of the support receiver which faces an opposing one of the ends of the frame in the floor mounted position.

22. (previously presented) The support device according to Claim 21 wherein the frame comprises a main support member and a cross support member mounted transversely to the main support member, the support receiver being supported on the main support member at one end thereof.

23. (previously presented) The support device according to Claim 22 wherein the cross support member is supported at one end of the frame and the frame includes mounting apertures formed therein for supporting the support receiver on the main support member adjacent the cross support member in a first mounting configuration and for supporting the support receiver on the main support member opposite the cross support member in a second mounting configuration.

24. (previously presented) The support device according to Claim 22 wherein the main support member and the cross support member are selectively coupled together with threaded fasteners to permit disassembly and reassembly thereof.

25. (cancelled)